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SUBJECT: ECONADS: AGENDA FOR MARCH 2 MEETING

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1. GUIDANCE ON AGENDA ITEMS NOTED IN REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM IV: EAST-WEST TRADE: UNADJUSTED FIGURES FOR END
1977 TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SENT SEPTTEL.

ITEM III: SOVIET MERCHANT FLEET: AS NOTED REF B, DUE TO
TRAVEL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS US EXPERTS WHO PARTICIPATED
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IN THE DECEMBER MEETING WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMPLETE
COMMENTS ON AC/127-WP/558 IN TIME FOR SUBJECT MEETING.
ALTHOUGH REPORT IS COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERALLY WELL PUT
TOGETHER, IT DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF DIFFERENCES OF
OPINION AND INTERPRETATION EXPRESSED AT THE DECEMBER
MEETING. IN SEVERAL PLACES, THERE ARE GENERALIZATIONS
BASED ON LIMITED EVIDENCE. THUS REPORT IS IRONICALLY,

A COMMENDABLE EFFORT WHILE REQUIRING EXTENSIVE REVISION BEFORE IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO US EXPERTS. COMPLETE US COMMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY ANNOTATED COPY OF REPORT HAND CARRIED TO MISSION THIS WEEK, SUPPLEMENTED BY CABLED GUIDANCE.

3. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, ECONAD MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT US CONTRIBUTION TO SOVIET BOP MEETING IS EXPECTED WEEK OF 20 MARCH AND THAT US PAPER FOR INFLATION AND DEFENSE EXPENDITURE MEETING, POUCHED TO MISSION 2/21, WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. VANCE

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